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SUBJ: TARIFF QUOTAS ON YARNS, KNITTED FABRICS AND TOWELS

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1. MINISTER FOR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY HAS ANNOUNCED ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF THE NEW GOA TARIFF QUOTAS (REFTEL) ON IMPORTED ACRYLIC YARNS, KNITTED FABRICS OF MAN-MADE FIBERS AND TERRY TOWELS. INITIAL 12-MONTH QUOTA PERIOD EXPECTED TO BE EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 3. TECHNIQUE ADOPTED IS TO ESTABLISH NEW TARIFF ITEM INCORPORATING ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC DUTY TO PROVIDE COMPOUND RATE, AND ADOPT MINISTERIAL BY-LAW FOR CONCESSIONAL ENTRY OF QUOTA AMOUNTS AT PRE-EXISTING LOWER DUTY RATE.

2. GLOBAL QUOTA FOR 12MONTHS IMPORTS WILL EQUAL 100 PERCENT OF IMPORTS OF EACH ITEM IN FY73.

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3. GOODS IN TRANSIT OR IN BOND DECEMBER 3 WILL BE PERMITTED TO ENTER AT CONCESSIONAL RATE AND CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO SUCH ENTRY FOR GOODS COVERED BY IRREVOCABLE L/CS ESTABLISHED PRIOR SEPTEMBER 11, WHICH IS DATE OF REFERENCE TO TEXTILES AUTHORITY. ALL QUANTITIES ADMITTED ON THIS BASIS HOWEVER, WILL BE CHARGED AGAINST GLOBAL QUOTA.

4. AFTER DEDUCTION FOR SUCH ADMISSIONS, BALANCE OF QUOTA WILL BE PRO-RATED AMONG INDIVIDUAL IMPORTERS ON BASIS THEIR IMPORT PERFORMANCE. EACH IMPORTER WILL THEREFORE HAVE INDIVIDUAL IMPORT QUOTA ON GLOBAL BASIS FOR EACH OF THE THREE PRODUCTS.

5. UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, IMPORTS WILL BE SUBJECT TO DUTY AS FOLLOWS:

ITEM	IMPORTS UNDER TARIFF QUOTA	IMPORTS IN EXCESS OF QUOTA
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ACRYLIC APPAREL YARNS (TARIFF ITEM 56.05.3)	15 PCT AD VALOREM (GENERAL RATE)	A\$4 (APPROX US\$5.24) PER KILOGRAM
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KNITTED AND CROCHETED FABRICS OF MAN-MADE FIBER (TARIFF ITEM 60.01.99)	22.5 PCT AD. VAL. (GENERAL RATE)	A\$2 (APPROX US\$2.62) PER SQUARE METER
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TERRY TOWELS (TARIFF ITEM 62.02.6)	41 PCT OR, IF HIGHER, \$0.81 PER SQ. LESS 41 PCT OF VALUE	A\$2 PER SQUARE METER
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6. NUMEROUS DETAILS REMAIN TO BE ANNOUNCED INCLUDING THE NET QUOTA TO BE ALLOCATED AMONG IMPORTERS, AND DETAILS OF ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

7. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS NONE OF ITEMS LISTED IS BOUND IN GATT AND NO GATT PROCEDURES REQUIRED.

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8. TRADE SOURCES RELUCTANT TO COMMENT ON EFFECT THESE MEASURES, SINCE DETAILS OF SCHEME NOT YET WIDELY UNDERSTOOD. COMMENTS AVAILABLE TENTATIVELY SUGGEST IMPORTERS WILL TEND TO UTILIZE QUOTAS FOR HIGHER QUALITY IMPORTS IN VIEW VERY HEAVY AVE OF NEW COMPOUND RATES ON LOWER PRICED CATEGORIES THESE ITEMS.

9. TEXTS OF ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL FOLLOW BY AIRGRAM.

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